

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following new paragraph before paragraph 0001:

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph 0001

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph 0004

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please cancel paragraph 0006.

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph 0043

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph 0048

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Please amend paragraph 0011 as follows:

[0011] According to the invention, the sealing connections are cohesive connections, at least those connections in which the material forming the cohesive join is substantially directly exposed to the flow of the first fluid ~~consisting of~~ comprising a first connecting

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material and connections in which the material which forms the cohesive join is not or not directly exposed to the flow of the first fluid ~~consisting of~~ comprising a second connecting material, the compositions of the first and second connecting materials being different than one another.